

30 April 1969

Mr. Coffey:

STATINTL

[] says this equipment will be dedicated and not suitable for general purpose applications. I hesitate to try to recount the technical explanation he gave for fear of garbling it.

STATINTL

OC expressed some hesitancy in submitting this request because of the talk they have heard about the possibility of installing a general purpose computer [] for nominal emergency backup for Headquarters computing applications. I suggested they submit it anyway because the backup notion doesn't seem likely to materialize any time soon and their responsibility is real and immediate. [] agreed orally before the paper was submitted but he is no longer there.

STATINTL

Recommend your approval.

STATINTL

STATINTL

STATINTL

Discussed the OC proposal with [] who agreed that they could support it with Col. White although they might want to have OC answer another question or two first. I left the paper with Mr. Coffey Tuesday, 6 May, for his signature.

W

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

EXTENSION

NO.

OC-M-69-242

DATE

25 April 1969

Director of Communications

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

RECEIVED

FORWARDED

1.

SSS-DD/S

25 APR 1969

710 Magazine

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

11.

12.

13.

14.

15.

Although I have heard and seen several references to the establishment of a central computer capability [] I understand that no decision has been made to proceed with such a program and that you and [] are agreeable to considering an application to purchase a small, single purpose computer to be used as a processor at the COMSEC Lab. Should a central computer be installed [] sometime in the future and should it be decided to use it to satisfy the attached requirement, it is probable that the peripheral equipments (which are standard input/output units) would be compatible with the central unit. Modifications may have to be made to the interface equipment to make it compatible although the extent of the modifications would depend upon the type of central computer employed.

STATINTL

STATINTL

STATINTL

STATINTL

D/CO